

FRIDAY EVENING, DEC. 22, 1899

THE VIRGINIA farmer who imagines that he will be benefitted in the least by the tax on the fertilizer he may use will be as much disappointed as those who vainly supposed they would be assisted by the creation of a board of agriculture and a railroad commissioner. Of course, the manufacturers will add the amount of the tax to the price which the farmers have to pay for their product, but not only that, but also the cost of inspecting and collecting the tax, which will be even more. Then, too, the State will be deprived of some revenue, by reason of the fact that as the tax referred to cannot be imposed upon fertilizers manufactured in other States, many farmers will have theirs shipped to them directly from those States. But when people are set in their ways, they may as well be allowed to pursue them, even though they are bad. How a tax can possibly benefit the man who has to pay it, is what only the majority of the Virginia legislature can tell. To their credit be it spoker, there are two farmers in it from this congressional district who voted against the tax-Senator Fairfax and De egate Ryan.

BYGONES ARE bygones, with Southern gushers, but that they are not, with many Northern republicans in Congress, is proved by the fact that even in this time of peace and good will toward men, the latter are devising plans by which the South may be illegally and hopeless. unconstitutionally deprived of a large share of her congressional representation. But imperial favor can work strange things.

SMALLPOX is so rife in Washington that negroes afflicted with it walk about the streets there and even go to the police stations of their own will. The disease has prevailed there for some time, but as yet the health officer of that city has put no inspectors on the trains and boats leaving there. How different was it when there were a few cases of smallpox here last winter!

As the Boers have no navy, Secretary Hay's decision that the British can buy all the war material they may need here, is evidently any thing else than a manifestation of neutrality on the part of this country. The under dog may receive sympathy, but for practical assistance he is always sadly in the vocative.

ALL right minded people are sorry for the widow of General Lawton, but, in a free and equal country, why the widow of any private soldier who was killed with him, and who is more destitute than she is? In republics as in religion there should be no respecters of persons.

THOUGH POTOMAC herring were so plenti ful here last spring that they were given away and actually thrown overboard, it is al most impossible to buy one now, even at the highest figures. Why Alexandria packers don't put up more herring than they do is passing strange.

MES. GOULD'S ENTERTAINMENT. An estimate of the cost of the festivities

given by Mr. and Mrs. George Gould to their house party at Georgian Cour, Lake-wood, N. J. last night is \$100,000. Many of the favors for the cotillon were of solid gold, and nearly the entire party of 125 gnests from the city lodged for the night in the Gould mansion. The principal feature of the emertainment was the reappearance or the dramatic boards of Mrs. George Gould who was Miss Edith Kingdon, and at one time a member of the late Augustin Daly' company. Mrs. Gould now has her own gorgeous theater to play in, and she can limit her andience to her own personal friends gorgeous theater to play in, and she cau limi her audience to her own personal friends The theater was not ready for use last night and the theatricals, which formed a large part of the entertainment, were given in the carriage-house. The first play presented in which Mrs. Gould appeared was a romantic comed, by Edwin Wharton, called "The Twiight of the Gods." This was followed by "A Pair of Lunatics" and "The Martole Arch." The leading man was Mr. Philip Clark, Philadelphia. The cotilion was led b. Elisha Dyer, jr., and Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish A second performance will take place today and Saturday there will be a big dinner and another dance. In the meantime there will be sports, games and luncheons for the enter gnests at Lakewood.

DECREE DECLARED ERRONEOUS .- The special Court of Appeals in Richmond yesterday rendered an opinion in the case of Stuart executor, vs. Peyton, assign.e. which is a lengthy one, and was delivered by Judge B. R. Weliford, jr, of the Circuit Court of Rich mond. It holds the decree of the Circuit Court of Wythe to be erroneous. The court holds "that the judgment and decrees filed by the appellee are valid and subsisting claims against the estate of W. A. Start. against the estate of W. A. Stuart, and are lieus upon the real estate of said Stuart, and that the matters set up by said H. C. Stuart, executor, against such judgments do not constitute a defense or set-off against them. court is also of opinion that the said judg ment and decrees conclusively establish an indebtedness of the said W. A. Stuart to Geo. L. Peyton."

decree of the Circuit Court is annulled and the case sent back to the Wythe County Court with instructions, for reasons above stated, to disavow and reject the claim of E O. Peyton, assigned, and to award to H. C Stuart, executor, his costs by him expended in his defense against said claim, and to distribute any funds reserved by the Court for its payment among the creditors of W. A. Stuart, whose claims have been proved and established in the cause.

Heart Whole for \$100,000.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 22.—An heir to \$4,000,000, Frank H. Denny, of Ligouier, who is prominently connected with leading club-in Pittsburg, and who is now on his way to Europe, has been sued in the courts here by Miss Mary Curtis for \$100,000, for alleged breach of promise to marry her. FROM WASHINGTON.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.] Washington, December 22. The Visitation Convent of George town was damaged by fire to the extent of \$10,000 this morning. At about 8:30 o'clock flames broke out in the porthwestern corner of the building, near the roof, and created somewhat of a panic among the inmates. Only about twenty of the girl boarders were in their rooms and they were hurried out without any one being injured. That portion of the convent is devoted to the boarders and the fect that most of them were away on their Christmas vacation probably prevented a loss of life. The loss by water will probably

exceed that done by flames.

A decision in the case of Edward Clifford, the murderer under centence of death in Hudson county, N. J., was 8 Supreme hand d down in the U. Court today. The court refused to in-terfire. The case came to the Supreme Court on an appeal from a denial of a writ of babeas corpus by the U. S. Circuit Court for the district of New Jer-

An Alexandria woman here today, speaking about a paragraph she had read in this correspondence during the early part of the week, narrating the experience of on of her friends in coming here to do her shopping, said she real ized the trouble and inconvenience incident to leaving Alexandria and coming here to buy what she needed, and would gladly save herself both, if she could do so, but that when she couldn't get the things she wanted there, she nad to come here for them. "Then, too," she added, "I won't bave many more Christmases, and I'm not enoug of an altruist to debar myself from the few pleasures yet within my reach, to please people who wouldn't put themselves out a moment to gratify me."

A well known man in financial circles here, talking today about the large and disastrous bank failure in Boston announced this morning, said he was very much afraid that it would be followed by others, not only in Boston, but in many other cities.

A Virginia republican now here, says the two republican contestants for seats in the House from his State bave been here this week and both are confident they will be seated. He then added that they had seen the republi-can members of the committee to which heir cases had been referred, and that with such committees and a republican House, the cases of the contestees were

Mr. Bailey was offered places or other committees of the House, but re fused to be a member of any other than bat on rules,

Virginia has been shown more consideration in committee appointments tu this Congress than in any other since hat of 1861, in the Senate as well as in he House, being represented in both on all the really important ones except

hose on appropriations.

Notwithstanding their failure to effect any change in the determination of he national democratic party to re-splorse the Chicago platform and renomcate the Chicago ticket, the gold stanlard sc-called democrats still persist in their vain attempt, and have, it is reported, organized an opposition in all The ineffectiveness of such an organization, however, except for he purpose of drawing a few votes rom the democratic party, it so apparout to every intelligent man, republian as well as democrat, that all are laughing at it and holding these en-

¿aged in it up to ridicule. Secretary Gage decided this morning o make a group of the first fifty banks hat have requested deposits of United State money and let them have the full mount they request before distributing o others. About fourteen million of iollars have been apportioned to the first group. The next fifty banks that will apply from now on will be subse-

The Postoffice Department has issued a fraud order against A. B. Stevens and A. B. Stevens & Co., Chicago, for conlucting an illegal scheme through the

Mr. Powderly, commissioner of immigra-tion, stopped 29 Croation immigrants at Bal-t more some cays ago and said they could not nome into the country. Secretary Gage has on their way to Chicago. Mr. Powderly sava ne might just as well close up the office, as the interests of a steemship [company and lot of alien laborers weigh more with Mr. sage than do the life and happiness of the

merican workmen.

The attempt of Mr. Hanns and the other ackinleyites to make it appear that the Ohio republicans were in favor of the gold standrepublicaus were in layor of the gold stands and is being pritty generally criticised here, even by some republicans. They say, what everybody familiar with Obio politics knows to be true, that the pistform Mr. Hanna and Mr. McKinley prepared was a straddle, though leaning to wards silv r, and that they become the desired the sould feet reach the demand aly accepted the gold feature at the demand -ena ors Lodge of Massachusetts and Platt of New York.

Jacob W. Boyer was appointed postmaster

at Clayborn, Grayson county, Va., today, vice . P. Bryant, resigned. The Funk murler case will probably be given to the jury today.

NEWS OF THE DAY

Major General Wood yesterday as umed charge as governor general of 'uba and accepted the resignations of the old cabinet.

F. W. Etbridge, a lawyer, of Dallas Tex, yesterday shot and killed Edwin O. Harrell, another lawyer, in a quarel over a professional matter. Representative Boutelle, of Maine,

was stricken suddenly ill in the parlor of Young's Hotel, Boston, last night His condition was much improved this morning.

Residents of Jacksonville, Fla., will probably make an effort during the -xt session of the legislature to secure the trausfer of the capital from Tallahassee to Jacksonville.

Comptroller Dawes last night ap-pointed Special Examiner Daniel G. Wing temporary receiver of the Globe National Bank of Boston, Mass. The directors and the stockholders will lose

It is reported that Baltimore and Onio Railroad interests yesterday pur-chased the Monongaheia River Railway, extending from Clarksburg to the church entertainment of Fairmont, a distance of 34 miles, for £600,000.

Announcement is made from the Inerstate Commerce Commission that the period allowed railroads for equipping their cars with automatic couplers will be extended from January 1 next until August 1.

Max Juho, formerly of the firm of Juhn & Adler, of Baltimore, filed a petition in the United States Court in that city yesterday asking to be adjudicated a bankrupt. His liabilities are \$\$4.586. 08 and his assets nothing.

assume upon the important subjects to be considered by Congress.

Coairman Hanna, of the republican national committee, says he will tender bis resignation when the committee meets in Philadelphia. He says it is not the custom for a chairman to serve tion.

The Chicago Record says:

for a year or more at the conclusion of Grand Opera House. All his engage-ments thereafter for the entire season will be cancelled." James Duane Taylor, sixty-three years old, for thirty-four years treasurer of the Wagner Palace Car Com-

pany, of New York, committed suicide at the Grafton Hotel, in Washington, shortly after noon yesterday by cutting his throat with a razor. Figures prove that during the twelve vears he was champion heavyweight

pugilist of the world John L. Suliivan earned more than a million dollars, and yet vesterday the ex-prize fighter declared, under oath, in the New York City Court, that he is "broke." Prof. James M Munyon, a wealthy and widely-known resident of Philadel-

phia, has completed plans for a \$2,000,-000 college and home for dependent girls, which he will erect and present to that city and which is to be built upon an imposing site adjoining Fairmount Park. The democratic State convention of comes a law.

Louisiana, in session at Baton Rouge, vesterday nominated a ticket and indorsed the Chicago platform. The elec-tion of Gov. Foster to the Senate is practically conceded. It is said that Senator W. D. McEnery would like to be re-slected, and that the sugar parishes will make a strong fight for him, but his attitude in this campaign was egarded as anti-administration, and bere was talk of ex-Senator Blanchard's entering the lists against him.

Upon the application of attorneys for Thomas F. Ryan, of New York, at Raleigh, N. C., yesterday morning, a temporary restraining order was issued by United States District Judge Purnell o prevent any action on the part of the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad stockholders looking toward the consolidaion there of the various lines of the Seaboard Air Line system. A few hours later Judge Puruell granted the parties a hearing and revoked the temporary restraining order in a written judgment.

An address from the democracy of Kentucky endorsing the contest instituted by Goebel and other candidates of the defeated democratic ticket, and giving the reasons therefore, was issued last night. It is signed by former Senator Blackburn, chairman of the State campaign committee; Chairman Young of the State central and executive committees, and all of the members of those committees. The reasons set forth in the address are the use of tissue ballots, be calling out of troops by the republican governor of the State and the invading of voting, etc.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Mrs. Lucinda Cushman died on Thursday last, at the residence of her grandniece, Mrs. W. W. Skinner, in Fredericksburg, aged ninety-two years.

T. Spicer Carlett, ex member of the Virginia legislature, this week filed a deed of assignment in the clerk's office of Lancaster county for the benefit of his creditors.

Captain J. J. Stack, a prominent business man, died at his residence, near Staunton, yesterday. He was came to Stauston in 1881.

Mr. Ben. P. Owen, private secretary to Governor Tyler, yesterday forwarded to Mr. John Eggleston, of New York, the dagger used by John Wilkes Booth when he was acting at the old Marshall Theatre, in Richmond.

The people of Stafford county, mass-meeting on Wednesday, adopted a resolution requesting the legislature to abolish the present unsatisfactory road law, and enact one to be formu lated by a number of prominent citi zens.

Rev. Robert W. Patton, of Roanoke who has been extended a call to the pastorate of St. Mark's Episcopal Caurch, Richmond, held a conference with the vestry of the church last night, Mr. Patton promised to make his decision known next week It is thought likely be will accept.

The tobacco fertilizer plant of the Lewis Johns Manufacturing Company Lynchburg, was almost entirely destroyed by fire yesterday. Only emall building, containing some of the manufacturing products, was saved. The loss on stock is placed at between \$18,000 and \$20,000. The loss on the building, which is owned by Mrs. Pace, of this city, is estimated at \$8,000.

John Fisher, of Franklin county. was accidentally shot and killed at his home near Helms on Wednesday. He was preparing to kill hogs, and progun, which had not been fired for years. He was not aware that it was loaded and pulled the hammer back with his foot, with the intention of blowing in to it. His foot slipped off he hammer and the gun was discharged. The top

of his head was blown off. Jordan Branch, an employe of the Shotwell Tannery, in Manchester. while going his rounds Wednesday night, fell into a vat ten feet deen con taining boiling water. He by chance caught the edge of the vat by his arms, and only the lower half of his body was under water. His cries brough assistance, and, though only a half minute in the vat, that part of his body submerged was terribly scalded, and his sufferings were excruciating. is in a critical condition and suffering

greatly.

Rev. R. H. Bennett, pastor of St James Methodist Church, Richmond preached Wednesday night on the sub ect of church entertainments. Mr Beanett read the second chapter o John, and in the course of his re marks took strong- ground against present day. He said that the Bib ical reference to the driving of the oxen, sheep and doves and the money changers from the temple was no mor than would be done today by the Mas ter were He to come and see the yen ders of oysters, ice cream and cake in the temples dedicated to His worship.

received from its publishers in Paltimore Among its contents are: The Childhood of Christ, The Star of Bethlebem, Monticello, The Innocent; An Old-Fashioned Child. The Christ-hill in Ancient Art, Chrimus The democratic members of the House of Representatives are discussing the advisability of holding a caucus to determine the position the party will

THE LEGISLATURE.

THE SENATE. The Senate yesterday passed the House bill fixing a tonnage tax of 15

cents on fertilizer, to be devoted to the support of the Department of Agriculmore than one term, hence his resigna- ture, Ly a vote of 28 to 5 Amendments gift were added which required the bill to go back to the House. The House ac-Smith Russell will retire from the stage cepted the amendments. The amendments, among other things, provide interrupted engagement at the that the inspectors, who are not to exceed 10, are not to receive over \$75 per month when employed. The compensation of the Agricultural Commissioner including his commissions of the collections of the tax, is not to exceed \$2,000 per annum. The bill also provides that these inspectors are to be allotted to each of the Congressional dis tricts. The commissioner's bond is increased from \$10,000 to \$30,000. One am ndment provides that the money raised under the operation of this act shall be devoted to the inspection of fertilizers and other work relating thereto. It is stated that the bill, which now goes to the Governor for his approval, of which there is no doubt, will bring in an annual revenue of \$25,000. With this amount the Commissioner of Agriculture proposes to put his department on a better footing than ever be-

The Commissioner of Agriculture is an appointive office by the Governor. There is talk of making it elective by the legislature if the tonnage tax be

The Senate passed the bill abolishing the office of register of the land office and devolving the duties on the Secetary of the Commonwealth. The House will likely decline to concur, and defer the measure,

Senator Maynard introduced a bill, providing that it shall be unlawful for any agent or solicitor to call at or enter any residence, office or premises which has a notice posted at or near the front door or gate, "Agents not wanted." The bill provides for a fine of \$5 for a vio ation of the act.

Bills to authorize Fredericksburg to issue bonds and to authorize the Council of the same city to apportion the cost of street improvements were passed.

Senator Eggleston introduced a bill at d limitations of building and loan asociations. The patron states that the bj ct of the measure is to take from he associations the power to charge surious interesis.

Senate bill, introduced by Mr. Glass, to suspend for a period of forty days the operation of the land grabbers' law, back to the Senate with a House came amendment providing that nothing contained in the bill should be construed as interferring with applications pending at the time the bill is passed. The Senate concurred in the House mendment

House bill to "authorize any person or firm engaged in the mining, manuacturing, or storage business, with the approval of the county or corporation courts, to appoint public agents, who shall be authorized to act as conservators of the peace within certain limits," was recommitted to the committee for courts of justice.

HOUSE. Mr. Pilcher introduced a resolution n the House calling for investigation of the contract between the Davis Shoe Company, which makes shoes at the venitentiary, and the State of Virginia. It was promptly passed. The resolu-Senate, where it was passed at once. The contract was recently renewed by the board and ratified by Governor Tyler on the part of the State for a erm ending in 1913. The contract has een in existence about fifteen years, and the convicts earn for the State 40

cents a day. The House passed the House bill to lation to the securities to be deposited with the treasurer by foreign and home asurance companies, and the Senate bills to enable commissioners in chaucery to adjourn proceedings before them from their own county or corporation to any county or corporation and there continue such procedings and take depositions and other, evidence and compel attendance of witnesses, and for the relief of W. J. B. Duncan, of Alexandria,

Both houses adjourned yesterday

vening until January 3.
Hon. Elliot F. Danforth, former treas irer of New York under Governor Hill, and the present democratic chairmen of that State, visited the Senate and was extended the courtesy of the

The Senate in executive session confirme the following appointments to the Board of Visitirs of the Virginia Military Institute: Henry Fairfax, Loudoun; P. F. Brown, Boteours and W. H. Edmunds, Halifax.

THE WAR IN AFRICA. A report has been received in Lonion to the effect that General Sir George Stewart White, who is besieged with 8,500 British troops at Ludysmith, Nafood and ammunition and can hold out

for some weeks.
General Methuen has had a disagreement with General Cronje, the opposing commander at Modder river, in the case of Lieut, Chandos Pole Gell a British officer, who was recently captured. Methuen says the lieutenant was captured when going unarmed to meet a flag of truce, but Crorje says the officer is regarded as a spy. The Boer general declines to hold further

communication with Methuen. Colonel Plumer has returned to his neadquarters at Fort Tuli, Rhodesia, after leading a reconnoitering expedi tion of British horsemen through northern part of the Transvaal. He found the country without men, all the male Boers being at the front.

A revised total of General Buller's losses in the battle of Colenso on Fri day of last week puts it at 1,119.

The Bosutos are growing more and more auxious to fight. The leading chiefs have difficulty in holding then in check. Boer successes are enlisting their sympathy, but they are likely when aroused to wage war on both the British and Boers.

Ladies, clean your Kid Gloves Belle Glove Cleaner. For sale only by Mrs. C. E. Bradley, 414 King street. Headquarters for Kid Gloves and all the latest novelties in fine millinery and fancy goods. Don't Tohacco Spit and Smoke Your Life Away.

To quit tobacco easily and forever, be mag netic, full of life, nerve and vigor, take No-To Bac, the wonder-worker, that makes weak men strong. All druggists, 50c or 81. Cure guaran-teed. Booklet and sample free. Address Sterling Remedy Co. Chicago or New York. J. B. Clark, Peoria, Ill, says: "Eurgeon

wanted to operate on me for piles, but I cured them with DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salye." It s intallible for piles and skin diseases. Bc-ware of counterfeits.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Foreign News

Edinburgh, Dec. 22.-Mr. Andrew Carpegie bas off-red the town of Dunfermline, in Fifeshire, \$100,000 for public baths and gymnasium as a Caristmas

Paris. Dec. 22 .- A bomb was thre we much damage to property, but no one was injured.

Paris, Dec. 22 -The Libre Parole says the Bank of France bas refused to loan the Bank of England \$40,000 000 in addition to the \$60,000,000 supplied in October.

London, Dec. 22.-Field Marshal Lord Roberts, who sails for the Cape tomorrow, went to Windsor this morning to say farewell to the Queen. Her Majesty received the General with an Lawton's staff acted as pallbearers. unusual display of tenderness, expressing verbally what she had written him concerning her sorrow at the death of his son and her gratitude for his prompt response to his country's call. She dismissed him with an earnest prayer for his success and a Godspeed. London, Dec. 22.—The attack of pneu-monia from which the Duke of West minister

pas been suffering has taken a serious turn. The family has been summoned to his resi-

The Campaign in Africa. London, Dec. 21 .- It is learned at the war office that General Buller will pursue the campaign in Natal without waiting for the arrival of Roberts and Kitchener. The other British commanders operating in Cape Colony have, however, been ordered simply to hold their own until the new campaign is set on foot. In line with this plan, General Methuen will probably fall

back from his position at Modder river. London, Dec. 22 .- The general commanding the communications in Nata reports "seven men killed and 14 wounded in the action of Dec. 18 h. also 3 dead from enteric fever." The dispatch is not thoroughly understood, out ev'd ntly refers to a new action of Buller's force not yet reported. It may, however, refer to a sortie from Ladysmith.

London, Dec. 22 .- Sir Alfred Milner reports that Winston Courcbill, the correspondent who was captured by to repeal an act to define the powers the Boers November 15 and who es caped from Pretoria about December

15, arrived at Delago bay yesterday. Loudon, Dcc. 22 — A Delzell dispatch from Pers alleges that the Creusote Iron Company have releived urgent orders from Pretoria for more ammunition for creusote guns as the Foersupply is nearly exhautted. The r per: is not credited here as the British cens would not allow such orders to pass by C41 13.

The Next Democratic Platform.

Coicago, Dec. 22 .- Senator J. K. Jones, suit, before leaving for the northwest last night, that in his opinion the next democratic national platform would declare against "imperialism," against a large standing army, and in favor of legislation to control rusts. He thinks there will be also a plank condemning attempts to carry elections by the use of money. Regard ing the currency bill recently passed by the lower House of Congress, Sena-lor Jones said: "I think the adoption of a gold standard bill by the present Congress would have enormous effect in shaping the money issues. It is a declaration on the present republican pary, for which it will have to answer The gold bill, if adopted by the Senate, will force the repurlicans to explain what is, on its face, a stroke of treason against the pronouncement of the S: Lauis platform".

Death of D. L. Moody. East Northfield, Mass., Dec. 22 .-Dwight L, Moody, the evangelist and founder of the two schools here, died at 12:06 p. m. today. He had been improving for two days and his recovery was looked for, but 2 o'clock vesterday afternoon a change for the worse was death was due to Bright's disesse. He was fully conscious to the end, and talked with members of his family a few minutes before he died. His wife was present at his death-bed Dwight Lyman Moody had been noted for years as one of the most successful evangelists ever known. He was born in the the town of Northfield and had always made that place his home About 1871 Moody formed the acquain tance of Ira D. Sankey and Moody and

Sankey became world-wide evangelists.

The Financial Troubles in Boston. Boston, Dec. 22.-The strepuous efforts to save the Globe National Bank have fai'ed. This morning its doors are closed and special bank examine Wing, at the request of Comptroller Dawer, has taken charge of the com pany's affairs. The bank has deposits of over \$8,000,000 and its total liabili ties are more than \$10,000,000. The bank officials say they do not think the depositors will lose a dollar and that the bulk of the losses recently sustained by the bank will fall on the stockholders. In some quarters it is held that all of the financial troubles of Boston are due to the inflation of the price o copper stocks. When the values in these properties began to fall to their natural level the financial trouble commenced.

Suicide. New York, Dec. 22.-William Mut ter, of the firm of Kimball Bros. & Co. tobacco dealers, committed suicide by shooting himself today at his place o business, No. 48 Franklin street. He went to a washstand in his office and placed a revolver against his temple and pulled the trigger. He died in-stantly. Mutter has been downcast since, last Friday, when, it is said, he lost several thousand dollars in Wal street speculations. When the crast came in the street Friday all of Mutter's holdings went down with one swoop. Mutter for the past few days has been acting strangely, and comment was made about his actions.

Want Peace, Not Glory.

Paris, Dec 22.-The Matta today prints an interview with Dr. Leyds, the Transvaal agent in Europe, in which Leyds says his government is always ready to discuss peace with Great Brit-tain provided the latter will guarantee independence to the Transvaal. "W do not want glory, but peace," contin-ued Dr. Leyde. "Regarding the mines in the Rand, I am unable to say what would happen if the Transvaal should be invaded. The necessity of strategy must take precedence over the integrity of private property. We have every reason to be confident of the future."

Mr J Sheer Sedalis, Mo., saved his child infallibl; cure for coughs, colds, grippe, preunonis, bronchitis and throat and lung tro .bles Relieves at once.

How Are Your Kidneys ! Dr. Hobbs' Sparagus Pills cure all kidney ills. Sample free. Add. Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or N. Y. An Elephant Acquitted of Murder.

Columbus, O., Dec. 22 .- "Sid," the serve therein for the terms for which big elephant which killed its trainer at | they have been elected, and all add the barns of the Sells-Forepau;h circus at Sellsville, Wednesday, was tried and

acquitted on a charge of murder yesterday. Two men stated that the keeper had given the wrong order, which Sid obeyed, and when he was punished for into the palace of the Bishop of it be turned upon Meagher. It was de-Moulins last night. The explosion did cided to kill the elephant, but on the ev dence a verdict of "justifiable homicide" was rendered.

> General Lawton's Funeral. Manila, Dec. 22 .- A simple funeral service was held over the remains of General Lawton at the family residence this morning. The hody was then taken to a vault in the chapel at El Paco cemetery, escorted by a troop of the Fourth cavalry. Members of General

> > Fire in Petersburg.

Petersburg, Va., Der. 22.-Chieve's peanut factory at the corner of Lompard and Third streets was burned this morning. A large stock of peanute was stored in the building. Many hands will be thrown out of employment in consequence of the fi e

Another Failure.

New York, Dec. 22.—Shortly after 11 clock today the failure of J. M. Conkto & Son, one of the largest dry goods stablishments in Brooklyn, was announcee. At the time the notice was posted hundreds of people were shopning in the large store.

Disease Germs Shun Telephones. Paris, Dec. 22 .- No case of contagion

as beeen traced to the use of the telephone, a scientific commission here thoroughly investigated the matter. Parisians were so alarmed over he reports that the exhaustive inquiry vas made.

Charged With Forging a Pardon. Austin Tex., Dec. 22 - W. J. Dent, under street at Tucson, Ar zona, swaiting ext adi-on on a charge of securing the raises from the penitentiary of George Isaacs by means of a forged pordon, is a nephew of U.S. District Judge Jackson, of West Virginia, and cou in of Stonewall Jackson. Issaes was a member of the Dalton gang and was serving a life ser-ence for murder. Dent is said to have reeived \$10,000 for securing Isaacs's release

The Markets.

New York, Pec 22 -The market closed follows: Wheat-Dec -; May 6938 Georgetown, Dec. 22 -Wheat 66a72.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

A serious wreck occurred on the entral Railroad of New Jersey near High Bridge last night in which a man was killed and a man and woman inured. The accident was caused by collision between a milk and a coal train.

Charles, better known as "Silver Dollar,"

smith, the old time leader of the Eighth as sembly district, in New Yerk, died at 8 /clock this morning. He gained his nick-sami from the decorations of his Essex street as con, the floor of the barroom being intedded with silver do lars. A run on the Portland, Me., Savings Bank was started this morning caused by a rumor hat the institution was in straightened cir-

cumstances. The bank officials declare the positors as fast as they present their books. The armed yacht Viking, now at the Norfolk navy yard, is to sail for Havana at the ear lest possible moment. It is reported that the Viking was ordered to Havana because of possible Cuban uprising on New Year's day Delegates from the 100 Irish societies o cok county, Ill., will meet tomorrow to dis

cuss the question of raising a fund for the A fight between Turks and Armenians is reported to have taken place at Henkisre the Turks lost 15 ki:led and 5 wounded.

[COMMUNICATED. WARD REPRESENTATION.

Will you allow a plain citizen of the Third ward, who does not wish to be more than any other man, but will never be less if he can prevent it, to submit the frame of an amendment of the city charter which will in its effect give the Third ward its just representaon in the City Council and at the same time avoid imperilling white supremacy

An act to amend the charter of the city of Alexandria as amended by an act of the General Assembly of Virginia approved February 20, 1871, (page 124 of the Acts of the General Assembly at proved March 22, 1871, by an act approved March 22, 1871, by an act approved March 17, 1876, by an act approved March 20, 1877, by an act approved January 25, 1879, and by an ac pproved March 1, 1888, and by an act approved February 25, 1892, and by acts approved February 26, 1894; March 1, 1894; March 8, 1894; February 27, 1896; March 3, 1896; March 4, 1896, and by an act approved February 7, 1898.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia that section 4 of the amended charter of the city of Alexan-

amended and re-anacted as follows: Strike out the following words:
"4 The City Council of Alexandria shall be formed of two distinct branches; one of these shall be called 'the Common Council'and shall be composed f four members from each ward to be elected for two years; the other shall e called 'the Board of Aldermen,' and consisting of two members from each ward to be elected for four years. The members of the Board of Alderman whose terms expire in the year 1880 shall hold over until the 1st day of July in the year 1881, and members to be elected in 1879 shall hold office for the space of four vears, so that one-balf of the members of the board of Alderman-one from each ward-shall be elected with the

tria, approved February 7, 1898, be

wo years thereafter." And insert in place of the words so so stricken out the words following: "4. The City Council of Alexandria

members of the common council every

shall be formed of two distinct branches; one of these shall be called the Common Council, and shall be composof not less than four members from each ward; but the City Council shall have power so to regulate the number of members from each wards as to give the more populous ward the larger number of members than the less populous wards; and for this purpose to increase the number of members of the Common Council. The other board shall be called the Roard of Aldermen and shall be composed of not less than two members from each ward; but the city council shall have power to so regulate the number of Aldermen from each ward as to give the more populous wards the larger number of Aldermen than the

men now in office shall continue to tional members of either the Common Council or the Board of Aidermen shall serve for such terms as may be fixed by an ordinance of the City Cluscil; provided that each member of the Common Council shall serve two years and each Aldermen four years from the 1st of July next succeeding their election.

This act shall be enforced from its passage and all acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

As the time of the legislature is sho ping away and the City Council has adjourned until the second Tuesday in lanuary, this movement seemed to ed to expedite matters.

A PRESENT FROM MES DAVIS Governor Tyler y s relay received from Mrs. Jefferson Davisa communion service, with the linen proper for its vise, to be presented in her name to the Veteran Confederate Soldiers' Home in Richmond. The letter was as follow-"The Girard, "West Forty-fourth street.

To the Governor of Virginia: "Dear Sir:-I send today a commi ion service with the linen proper for ts use, and beg you to present it to the veterans of the home in he name of a few Confederates who honor the teadfast valor, the proud memory of which time cannot effect.

"We had hoped to offer it on the pirthday anniversary of General Harry Heth, but, failing to receive it in time we make it a Coristmas offering to the veterans, and ask God's blessing upo ach and every one of them. Belive n , honored sir, "Very respectfully and cordially yours,

"VARINA JEFFERSON DAVIS "December 19, 1899."

No Right to Ugliness The woman who is lovely in fac-

orm and temper will always have riends, but one who would be also tve must keep her health. If sue veak, sickly and all run down she wi e nervous and irritable. It -ha h constipation or kidney trouble, her pure blood will cause pimples, blote skin eruptions and a wretched olexion. Electric Bitters is the nedicine in the world to regulate a ich, liver and kidneys and purif blood. It gives strong nerves, yes, smooth, velvety skin, rich plexion. It will make a good looking charming woman of a run down ny id. Only 50 cents at E. S. Landbente & Sons', Drug Store.

To Cure Constipation Forever.
Take Cascarets Candy Catharic Tee or Sc.
If C. C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL

New York, Dec. 22 .- The stock marks opened weak and excited under the shock the announcement of the closing of the Gra National Bank of Boston. Sugar fell 5 p on the news that the Arbuck es had a dat sugar rate after January 1. Is shares were irregular, but weak in spe

WHOLESALE PRICES IN ALEXANDRIA 4 00 Mixed ..... Fultz.
Damp and tough...... Corn. white ..... Yellow ...... Corn Meal..... 
 Rye.
 0 43

 Oats, mixed.
 0 28

 Whito.
 0 30

 Sutter, Virginia, packed.
 0 16

 Choice Virginis.
 0 22

 Common to middling.
 6 12

 Feer.
 0 20

Eggs ...... 0 Reef, hind quarters..... 0 Fore quarters...... Live Chickens (hens)..... 

The grain market closes quiet but tire

with light offerings. The other cities report the same conditions. Country produce was

fi m at quotations. Baltimore Cattle Market, Dec. 21. Cattle.—The arrivals during the w 2,521 head, against 2,569 head in The quality of the offerings was not at last week; there were more comand light heifers and steers while low sale. There were more buyer cattle, but few on sale which h last week's prices. Prices of beef or week ranged as follows: Those radirst quality 43/451/4c; butcher cal quality, 44,4434c; medium 33,444. ers 4,20,450; stockers 3a3 75;

3.75a4 : heifers 3a4.25. Of the Cattle received 130 cam

oxen 2a3; extra cows \$3.25a3 50; common to fair, 3a3.75; good oxen 4 bulls, common to fair, 3a3 50; extra

Of the Cattle received 130 came Virginia.

Hogs—Market was filmer. Receipts at 3,159 head against 11,659 head last at Far Western hogs sell at \$4.4034.50 100 lbs gross; others from nearer \$4.20a4.30; roughs \$3.50a3.75, and \$4a4.25 per 100 lbs.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts were 3 head against 5,659 head last week quote sheep, common to good, \$2.50a4, to prime \$4a4.25. Lamb, common to \$4.50a5.50; prime \$5.60.

Calves.—Market active, selling at \$50. Calves.—Market active, selling at \$0.50s 7 per 100 lbs. Fresh Cows.—Market steady, selling at \$25

a65 for common to good. Chicago Cattle Market, Dec 21 - Catt

good to choice native steers 10c higher to choice \$5.50a6.75; poor to medium a5.30; mixed steckers \$3x3.75; se feeders \$4.20a4.90; good to choice \$3.50a4.50; heifers \$3.15a5; canner bulls \$2.50a4.34; calves \$4a7; (ed beeves \$4.50a5.30. Ho.s.—heavy beeves \$4.50a5 30. Ho.s -hose opened stronger; closed weak; light shade lower; mixed and butcher 4.17½, good to choice heavy \$4-1 heavy \$3 90a3.95, light \$3.90.4 or sales \$4.05s4.1246, theep Mastrong and active; good lambs 10-1 er; native wethers \$3.90s4.50; lambs \$4.75s5.50. heavy \$3 90a3.95, lig of sales \$4.05a4.124.

New York Cattle Market Fee Beeves—no trade of importance; steady. Calves—good veals firm; steady; vesis \$4.50.8 25 per 100 to \$8.50; little calves \$4. Sheep and In sheep not wanted and lower; sheady; medium grades weak; communication of the prime sheep \$2.25.4 25 per 100 lb; mon to choice lambs \$4.50.5.80 per 100 Hogs-market firm; light sapply; P Western hogs \$4.50 per 100 lb. PORT OF ALEXANDRIA, DEC. 22 1-89.

MEMORANDA. Schr Jonathan Sawver, for Wash nglot, selled from Sul ivan 19 h instant.

DIED.

pose to increase the number of Aldermen. All the members of the Common Council and the Board of Alderst Schurch, this city, temorrow (Saturday) at 8:30 a.m.